Extended term of Kelkar Committee

*8. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2624 given in the Rajya on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the extended term of Kelkar Committee expired on the 29th February, 1988;

(b) whether the committee has submitted its report on the basis of representations received;

(c) if so, when was the report submitted along with the details of anomalies rectified;

(d) whether the committee has been granted further extension; if so, up to what period; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to make the committee a permanent body?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (d) The extended term of the Kelkar Committee which expired on 29th February, 1988 has been further extended upto 15th May, 1988.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme in CIL

*9. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a draft voluntary retirement scheme for the 6.7 lakh employees of Coal India Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Coal India has submitted a scheme of voluntary retirement restricted to categories of workers to be specified in the age-group 45-58 years, having minimum of 15 years of service and engaged on jobs required arduous physical labour. However, in the case of female workers the requirement of length of service or age will not apply. An employee allowed to retire voluntarily under the scheme, will be entitled to get employment in his company for one of his wards besides receiving his normal and due retirement benefits.

Central investment in Andhra Pradesh

*10. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual Central investment during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh in industrial sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of Central investment in Andhra Pradesh was very low as compared to other States;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested Central Government to increase the public sector investment in the State; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The annual Central investment in terms of Gross Block in the State of An-

dhra Pradesh during the last three years i.e. 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 for which the information is available is Rs. 971 crores, Rs. 1235.23 crores and Rs. 1467.51 crores respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Import of truck and bus tyres

*11. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow the import of truck and bus tyres under OGL; and

(b) if so, what factors prompted the Govt. to take such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Government have decided to allow import of certain categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL in order to check the rising trend in tyre prices.

DPCO benefits

*12. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2654 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main beneficiaries of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 are formulators of drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 95 per cent of the imported bulk drugs are exempted from price control and almost 75 per cent of indigenously produced bulk drugs are under price control; and

(c) what are the details of benefits given to the consumers under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. Incentives have been given to the producers of Scheduled bulk drugs in the form of three options for fixation of prices of bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987 as against the return of 12% or 14% on net worth allowed under DPCO, 1979. The options are

(i) 14% post tax return on net worth or

(ii) 22% return on capital employed or

(iii) Long term marginal costing with 12% internal rate of return in the case of new plants.

(b) Categorization has been made on the basis of essentiality as recommended by the Health Ministry and the Kelkar Committee.

(c) The DPCO, 1987 has been formulated with a view to ensuring abundant availability at reasonable prices of essential life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality to consumers.

Power from waste material

*13. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Energy Development Agency is engaged in R&D project to produce LPG from cellulosic waste at only Rs. two per cylinder;

(b) what are the details of the project and whether the new technology can generate power from all waste material; and